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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 25, 2001 Docket No. PHQ 98,017A Prior Art Unit: 2651

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

- [] continued prosecution application ("CPA") under 37 CFR 1.53(d)
- [X] continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/328,024, filed on June 8, 1999 of Johannes M. Verbakel, Johannes J. Mons, Muneyasu Maeda, Yoshizumi Inazawa, Tadao Suzuki for Method, Device, and Information Structure for storing Audio-Centered Information with a Multi-Level Table-of-Contents (TOC) Mechanism and Doubling of Area-TOCS, a Device for Use with Such Mechanism and a Unitary Storage Medium Having Such Mechanism.

- [X] Enclosed are copies of 11 sheets of specification and 3 drawing sheets (all of which constitutes the specification and drawing in this application) and the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the parent application.
- [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line as a centered heading: --Cross Reference To Related Applications--; and insert below that as a new paragraph --This is a [X] continuation [] divisional of application Serial No. 09/328,024, filed June 8, 1999.--
- [X] An appointment of associates is enclosed.
- [] As last amended, the title has been changed to
- [] As last amended, the name of applicant(s) has changed to
- [] Before calculating the filing fee, cancel in this application original claims *****.
- [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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- [X] Priority application Serial No. 210940.8, filed on June 10, 1998 in Europe, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- [X] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/328,024.
- [X] This application is assigned to U.S. Philips Corporation by way of the assignment filed in application Serial No. 09/328,024.
- [X] Address all future communications to Corporate Patent Counsel, U.S. Philips Corporation, 580 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 10591.
- [X] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
- [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.
- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- [X] An Authorization Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.

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Title: METHOD, DEVICE, AND INFORMATION STRUCTURE FOR STORING AUDIO-CENTERED INFORMATION WITH A MULTI-LEVEL TABLE-OF-CONTENTS (TOC) MECHANISM AND DOUBLING OF AREA-TOCS, A DEVICE FOR USE WITH SUCH MECHANISM AND A UNITARY STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING SUCH MECHANISM

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AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR €1.136(a)(3) AND TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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